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SUBJECT: LOS: SEABED COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP SCI

JULY 5, MEETING

- 1. WG ENGAGED IN WIDE-RANGING DEBATE ON SEABED MACHINERY. MOST OF DISCUSSION CENTERED ON ART XXVIII DEALING WITH POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY. SEVERAL DELS PROPOSED ADDITIONAL POWERS NOT ENUMERATED. CHILE, PERU AND KENYA INSISTED ON INCLUSION UNDER RULE-MAKING FUNCTION OF AUTHORITY REFERENCE TO DIRECT EXPLOITATION BY AUTHORITY AND TO JOINT ENTERPRISE CONCEPT. OTHER FUNCTIONS PROPOSED INCLUDED ENFORCEMENT OF NON-APPROPRIATION AND TREATMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL TREASURES. PRC REP ASKED FOR NEW PARA PROVIDING THAT AUTHORITY CAN CONDUCT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN AREA AND EXPLORE AND EXPLOIT ITS RESOURCES.
- 2. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION REGARDING RULE MAKING POWERS OF AUTHORITY, WHICH ORGAN WOULD ADOPT SUCH RULES, AND EXTENT TO WHICH RULES WOULD BE BINDING. UNCLASSIFIED

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- 3. US REP ASKED THAT PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER V OF UF DRAFT SEABED TREATY DEALING WITH ADOPTION OF RULES AND RECOMMENDED PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES BE INCLUDED IN WORKING DOCUMENT.
- 4. KENYA STATED THAT OAU LOS RESOLUTION, PARA 22(C) WHILE GIVING AUTHORITY RIGHT TO EXPLORE AND EXPLOIT, DOES NOT RULE OUT JOINT VENTURES OR LICENSING SYSTEM.
- 5. ON PROCEDURAL ISSUES, BRAZIL URGED THAT WG PRODUCE SEPARATE SETS OF ARTICLES REFLECTING CLEARLY DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO ISSUE OF POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF AUTHORITY. US REP PROPOSED THERE BE A DEBATE ON WHETHER ENTERPRISE IS SEPARATE ORGAN REGULATED BY COUNCIL OR IS SUBORGAN OF COUNCIL. IF ENTERPRISE IS INDEPENDED BUSINESS OPERATION WHICH WOULD BE TREATED AS ANY LICENSEE UNDER OTHER PROPOSALS, WG COULD WORK ON FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL IN ISSUING LICENSES WITH NO DISTINCTION MADE AS TO WHETHER LICENSES ARE ISSUED TO STATES, NATIONALS, OR ENTERPRISE OR COMBINATION OF THESE, WG WOULD THEN PREPARE SEPARATE PROVISIONS ON ENTERPRISE SOMETIME AFTER CONSIDERATION OF POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL HAD BEEN COMPLETED.
- 6. WG AGREED TO CONTINUE GENERAL DISCUSSION OF POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AT FOLLOWING DAY'S SESSION.BASSIN

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